GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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M.P. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Governmentpropose to give priority to Lok Sabha M.Ps tosubmit their development proposals in the border areas constituencies for Border Areas Development Programme or where the Committee to approve such projectsshall include border area M.Ps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Special Central Assistance is allocated under the Border Area Development Programmes to States which have an international land borders. As per the guidelines for the programme, the State Level Screening Committee under thechairmanship of the Chief Secretary, decides the schemes to be taken up under the programme. Schemes designed to take care of the special problems faced by the people living in the border blocks are taken up for execution. The guidelines stress the need to involve grassroot level institutions such as Panchayati Raj bodies particularly Gram Sabhas in the identification of schemes. The States Governments are required to work out appropriate modalities to ensure greater participation of the people of the border areas in the selection of the schemes.